

The Emergency Aid fund investment is a tax-free investment account that generates a source of charitable dollars to help reduce financial barriers for people seeking to continue their post-secondary education, while typically granting you tax benefits.

At the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Foundation (PASSHE Foundation), we work with you to personalize your Emergency Aid fund to support students based on economic need.

We leverage our knowledge of the PASSHE institutions and the Emergency Aid process to ensure your Emergency Aid dollars are having the greatest impact.

How an Emergency Aid Fund Works

- **Open the fund** with an initial gift to the PASSHE Foundation of a minimum of \$5,000 or more in cash or other assets, such as appreciated stock, mutual funds, or real estate. Most establishing gifts are tax-deductible.
- **The PASSHE Foundation publicizes the Emergency Aid** through our relationships with the PASSHE Universities, our website, social media and other outreach.
- **Students apply online.** By completing a single online application, students apply for your Emergency Aid.
- **The PASSHE Foundation verifies awardees' enrollment at approved educational institutions.**
- **The PASSHE Foundation distributes funds** directly to the schools the recipients will attend and the school will provide the funds to the student.
- **Add to your fund at any time** to take advantage of additional tax benefits while increasing the amount available for Emergency Aids.
- **Biannual Reports** The donor will receive biannual reports on the Emergency Aid
- **Thank you notes** Each donor will receive "Thank you" notes from the recipients.

The PASSHE Foundation handles all of the administrative requirements of the fund, from investments to paperwork.

An Emergency Aid fund investment at the PASSHE Foundation a powerful gift to the community that will change people's lives by increasing their educational opportunities. To begin the process of establishing your new Emergency Aid fund, please contact Cynthia Pritchard, President of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Foundation at: cpritchard@thepafoundation.org or C: 540-221-0101